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Application No.: 09/714,514)	Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A
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Filed: November 17, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 5020
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For: LOCKING SYSTEM AND)	
FLOORING BOARD)	

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 20, 2003, applicant offers the following remarks.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is improper because the Amendment referred in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was submitted and received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office prior to the deadline for the revised amendment process under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, e.g., prior to June 30, 2003. Accordingly, applicant respectfully traverses the holding of non-compliance and request withdrawal of said Notice.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the Amendment referred in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment as being filed on July 22, 2003, was in fact date-stamped received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2003. Thus, the Amendment referred to in the Notice is in fact compliant because it was submitted and received prior to June 30,

2003. Thus, withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully requested and continued prosecution on the merits is appropriate.

Applicant appreciates the helpful telephone conversation with Examiner Tran A on September 16, 2003. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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